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Weapons Training Battalion Newsletter  
Weapons Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC  
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## *Promotions and Awards Second Quarter FY2009*

### PROMOTIONS

PFC Brickley, James  
PFC Vise, Jeb  
LCPL Cramer, Richard  
LCPL Rahman, Derrick  
LCPL Young, Charles  
CPL Grant, Kevin  
CPL Jarvis, Joshua  
CPL Jones, Liam  
CPL Mark, Todd  
CPL Ready, Jonathan  
CPL Rivera, Wigberto  
CPL Smith, Adam  
CPL Walker, James  
SGT Ferguson, Jacob  
SGT Lawson, Stephen  
SGT Neris, Jonathan  
SGT Shumate, Christopher  
SGT Watson, Robert

### AWARDS

#### **Certificates of Commendation**

CPL Walker

#### **Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal**

SSgt Holland

#### Unit Web Site

[www.lejeune.usmc.mil/wtbn/](http://www.lejeune.usmc.mil/wtbn/)

#### Officer of the Day

910 450 2917

#### Family Readiness Officer

910 450 2884

[Maureen.pruitt@usmc.mil](mailto:Maureen.pruitt@usmc.mil)

### Commanding Officer's Comments

Weapons Training Battalion continues to live up to its name as the premier marksmanship training range in the Marine Corps, supporting the Marines and Sailors of II Marine Expeditionary Force and all of the Tenant Commands here at Camp Lejeune. With extra Marines from the 2<sup>nd</sup> MAW at Cherry Point qualifying here because of their range being closed, and with the 2<sup>nd</sup> MEB deploying to Afghanistan, demand on our training facility here at Stone Bay has never been greater. Everyone has pulled together to meet the challenge, from our Permanent Personnel, to all the Marines who are on FAP and TAD orders. I am very proud of all the hard work that goes into accomplishing the mission, your efforts are well noted.

As we move into the busy season of successive "hot" weeks as the springtime turns into summer, it is time to get ourselves and our families prepared for continued hard work and dedication. I look at this coming time as a sort of race, which needs to be run more like a marathon rather than a sprint, with a steady and sustainable pace. With our families support, I am confident it will all be done well.

So let's take time to plan ahead for family events and vacation by looking at the calendar and deciding what to do now. There are "cold" weeks around Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day to look forward to, as well as various Battalion events on Mainside and at the Beach. Remember that each and every one of you significantly contributes to the Battalion, and serve the Nation and Marine Corps honorably. Keep up the good work!

Semper Fidelis,  
LtCol Smullen

### Sergeant Major's Comments

Hello all and I hope this note finds you all enjoying the Spring weather and all that the change in seasons brings with it during this time of year! It finally looks like the cold weather is giving way to nice breezy winds and clear sunshine with a little rain sprinkled in. Easter is upon us, and not too long from now the 120 days of Summer will begin. With good weather and the Holiday Season here, now would be a good time to talk a little about safety for all! Traditionally, the "120 Days of Summer", although packed with good times, also present more risk associated with warm weather activities. Not only are more folks out on the roads travelling the highways and bi-ways, but more activity is found on the lakes, rivers and inter-coastal waterways. I'd just like to real quick ask that all of you plan properly and measure risks associated with these type activities. Please be safe and follow a good risk management plan so we all can have a great Season without incident. Just remember, it's often times the "Other Guy" that causes harm to others. Be safe, be defensive, and mitigate risk by having a good plan. Your Marine's and Sailor's continue to do great things out here at the Battalion. We've recently finished up the Eastern Division Matches and are now leaning into the Marine Corps Matches. The Commanding General of Marine Corps Installations East, MGen Jensen, was here to present the awards and couldn't say enough good things about what your folks are doing out here to support the mission. I have no doubt they will continue to work hard and impress all who witness all that they do. This last quarter saw several of our Marines stand out as Cpl Westcott was promoted to his current rank and also was named WTBN Marine of the Quarter. Cpl Horina was named NCO of the Quarter, and Cpl Peterson will soon compete for meritorious Sergeant. These are just a few Marines that make up the majority of fine Marine's and Sailor's here at WTBN that do their absolute best to support marksmanship effort here and throughout the MEF. Well, that's about it for now; again, I hope all are doing well, enjoying the weather and all that good weather brings with it! Be safe, have fun, and I'll talk to you soon.

SgtMaj Roy



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## Headquarters Company

**1stLt Brown**  
**SSgt Almeida**

Headquarters Company would like to wish a fond "farewell and following seas" to 1stLt Hurczyn and 1stSgt Gregory as they depart Weapons Training Battalion. HQ Co continues the march forward supporting the ranges and the competitors for the Eastern Division Matches.

We would like to recognize the following newly promoted Marines:

LCPL CRAMER	CPL MARK	CPL SMITH	CPL DONAR	LCPL RAHMAN
CPL RIVERA	PFC BRICKEY	SGT LAWSON	PFC VISE	CPL JARVIS

HQ Co welcomes the following new joins:

CPL RUIZALVAREZ	LCPL ADAMS, BENNET	LCPL ADAMS, JOSEPH	CPL DONAR		
PFC OLIVER	SSGT BRIDGES	LCPL CARTER, STUART	CPL DAVEY	LCPL GREYNOLDS	
CPL HURST	LCPL LOPEZ	LCPL RAPP	LCPL THOMAS	LCPL YOUNG	PFC PHIPPS
LCPL NEUKEM	1STLT BROWN	LCPL ADINEHZADEH	SSGT ALMEIDA		

Semper Fi,  
1stLt Brown

## Range Company

**1stLt Frasca**  
**GySgt Orjuela**

Dear Range Company Family,

I hope this letter finds everyone well and enjoying the last few weeks of our North Carolina winter. The improving weather is a sign that longer days are ahead for the Marines of Range Company, but it is also an opportunity to make the most out of the precious time we spend with our loved ones. Please take advantage of the upcoming Easter weekend to do things with your Marine that you might not have the opportunity to do during upcoming weeks.

Since your last message from Range Company, your Marines have seen not one but two changes of command. After Capt Kevin Quinlan moved on to become our Battalion Operations Officer, Capt Tommy Muir did a phenomenal job leading the Company for the last three months. With Capt Muir now departing for the West Coast I have been given the privilege of serving here for the next six months.

I have been lucky to arrive at a unit already executing to a high standard. Gunny Orjuela takes great care of the Marines and I look forward to working with him to continue the good work the Company has been doing. Marines are distinguishing themselves through superior performance, and the units that we train are noticing. Corporal Erik Tirado of Charlie Range, for example, was recently singled out by shooters for his knowledge and professionalism on the range. It is performances like these that provide our Nation's Marines with the training that will one day save their lives in combat.

I hope to hear from you through email, phone, or any other means. Do not hesitate to contact me, at any time, with any questions.

Always faithful,  
Lt Frasca  
450-2712  
maximilian.frasca@usmc.mil



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**S3**

**Capt Quinlan**

**MSgt Moistner**

It has been a very busy couple of months in the S-3 Section! I hope everyone enjoyed the cold weeks and the long weekends!!

The S-3 has been diligently preparing to support the Annual Eastern Division and Marine Corps Rifle and Pistol Matches that are currently on-going and will run through the end of April. Marines are gathered from up and down the East Coast (to include a team of British Royal Marines from the United Kingdom) for the Division Matches, and Marines will come from around the world for the Marine Corps Matches in April! It's been our focus of effort since January, and your Marines have done a wonderful job getting ready!!

I know everyone is looking forward to the warm weather as much as I am! I hope this letter finds everyone happy and healthy, and I look forward to seeing you all at the next Battalion Family event!!

Capt Quinlan  
Operations Officer

**BM TU**

**CWO4 Dutton**

**Gysgt Rozell**

Base MTU welcomes Sgt Guynes, and Sgt Guadalupe to its Marksmanship Instructor Staff.

BM TU is assisting in the revision of the Marine Corps Marksmanship Program of Instruction and representing MCB Camp Lejeune in the Eastern Division Matches.

**April is the month of the Military Child. Please check the Lejeune Base Website and the MCCS website for various activities celebrating the children!**





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### Family Readiness Officer

Dear Weapons Training Battalion Families,

Although Weapons Training Battalion is not a deploying unit, it does not negate the fact that the Marines and Sailors have a critical mission and work a lot of long hours. Readiness is not just for deploying units. Readiness is for every day. Please make sure that you have a plan in place for destructive weather, or if you become incapacitated and unable to care for your children or pets. I have a checklist available to help you with the planning.

There are many of you in the Battalion that are preparing for transition out of the Marine Corps life. Please don't let that stop you from participating in the various events we host. The events are a great way for you to network and build your support system. There are also many programs available to Service-members and their families that help ease the strain of transitioning out of the Marine Corps and back to the civilian sector. Some of the programs, available here at Lejeune, can help with resume writing and interviewing skills. There are classes available to help with planning financially for a transitional period. Spouses are also invited and encouraged to attend the Transition and Separations classes with their Marine.

If you have recently moved or changed phone numbers please let me know, so that I may update my roster. As always if you have any questions, comments, concerns, issues or ideas, do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,  
Maureen Pruitt  
910 450 2884

### **Family Member Employment Assistance Program (FMEAP)**

Provides services to family members seeking assistance with all aspects of obtaining employment, to include resume writing assistance, individualized career counseling, workshops (tailored to the family member), research materials/resources, and current local employment listings. The FMEAP staff works closely with local employers, the Employment Security Commission (ESC), and local community college. The FMEAP is located at Building 2475 in Tarawa Terrace Housing area and Bldg 4014E in the Midway Park Housing area. For further information on this program call 450-1676 for Tarawa Terrace or 451-3366 for Midway Park



As part of the Defense Department's efforts to promote the importance of individual financial readiness, this Web site offers financial news and information, links to groups that can help with financial issues, and tips from a leading financial specialist.

[http://www.defenselink.mil/home/features/2008/0808\\_finance/](http://www.defenselink.mil/home/features/2008/0808_finance/)



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# UPCOMING EVENTS!!

Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup> 1200-1600  
Battalion Beach Day at Onslow Beach  
More info to follow!

### OUR NEWEST DEVIL PUPS!

**Lillianah Nevaeh Clayton:** 2/17/09  
7lbs 4oz 19 inches.

**Xavier Paul Eller:** 1/27/09  
7lbs 6oz 19 ¾ inches.

**Fiona Catherine Valentine Lyon:** 2/24/09  
7lbs 4oz

**Carter Allen Sabins:** 3/11/09  
6lbs 3oz 18 inches

**Danica Kaelynn Wilson:** 1/27/09  
9lbs 4oz 21 inches.

Congratulations to all of the Moms and Dads!!

### NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

Complementary to the Children, Youth and Teen Programs, the NPSP offers a wide range of support services to military families with children from birth through five years of age.

Parent Classes, Referrals, Play-morning, Home Visits

**Phone number 449-9501**

**Budgeting For Baby Classes** at the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society. Sign up for this free class by calling 451-5346

### PLAY GROUP

Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup> 1200-1430 at the Stone Street Community Center (formerly Base Stables)

This event is open to ALL! Light snack will be provided. Please call to register.  
910 450 2884



NUTRITION EDUCATION WORKSHOP  
BLDG. 302 (Holcomb Blvd.) 0830-1230  
2009 schedule

5 May, 30 Jun, 7 Jul, 4 Aug, 1 Sep, 6 Oct, 3 Nov, 1 Dec

This 4-hour workshop includes topics on carbohydrates, protein, fat, sports nutrition, body composition changes, healthy eating, healthy weight loss/gain/maintenance, hydration, the risks of being obese, and supplements.

**To Sign Up: 910-451-2865**





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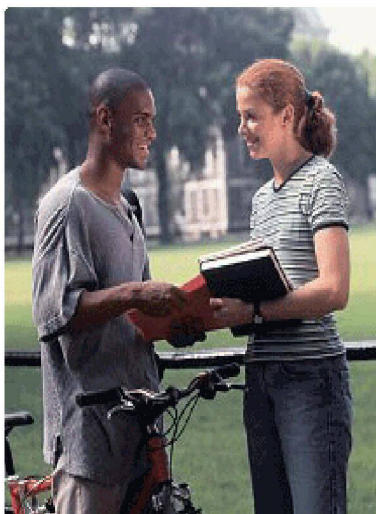
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### Children, Youth & Teen Programs RESOURCE & REFERRAL

1966 Stone Street, Camp Lejeune  
Mon-Fri, 0600-1600 • 910-451-1315

#### RESOURCE & REFERRAL PROVIDES:

Child Care Information & Referrals  
Assistance in Locating Appropriate, Affordable, and Accessible Child Care  
Assistance in Selecting Center or Home-Based Care  
Information on School-Age Care (SAC) Program  
Information on Hourly Care  
Assistance with Respite Care



## SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

PROVIDING INSTANT ACCESS TO SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID FOR OUR SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

<http://www.mcsfex.net>

### Free Scholarship Searches and Resources

FastWeb.com: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation: [www.mcsf.org](http://www.mcsf.org)  
Military.com Scholarship Finder: [www.military.com/Education/](http://www.military.com/Education/)  
Sallie Mae Fund Scholarships: [www.thesalliemaefund.org](http://www.thesalliemaefund.org)  
Scholarship Experts: [www.scholarshipexperts.com](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com)  
Scholarship Hunter: [www.scholarshiphunter.com](http://www.scholarshiphunter.com)  
Scholarships.com: [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)  
Scholarship and Financial Aid Explorer: <http://www.mcsfex.net/>  
Scholarships for Military Children: [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org)

Take your \$50.00 MCX receipt to the Customer Service counter at the Main Exchange and get a coupon good for **1 FREE NIGHT of CHILDCARE** at Camp Lejeune! There are some restrictions. See the Main Store for details.





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## Midway Park Community Center

Midway Park Community Center is located next to the Theater in Building LCH 4014 at Midway Park. The Community Center is available for small parties, meetings, and other social gatherings; the fee is small and accommodations are home-like!

Midway Park Community Center also has a small work out area with exercise bikes, treadmills and more.

Call for details, or stop by for a tour and pick our monthly schedule of events and classes.

## Tarawa Terrace Community Center

Tarawa Terrace Community Center is located in Building TT44 on Tarawa Terrace Boulevard. The center is open Mon-Fri from 0800-2000, Sat 0900-1400 and other times for special events and classes.

Rooms are available for functions for a minimal fee.

Please come in and take a free ride on the high speed internet! Surf the web for research or email a friend. Our computer center is open Monday through Friday, 0800-2000 and Saturday 0900-1400. Closed on Sundays and Holidays.

## Helpful Websites

[www.lejeune.usmc.mil](http://www.lejeune.usmc.mil)

[www.ci.jacksonville.nc.us](http://www.ci.jacksonville.nc.us)

[www.mccslejeune.com](http://www.mccslejeune.com)

[www.onslowcountync.gov](http://www.onslowcountync.gov)

[www.lifelines.usmc.mil](http://www.lifelines.usmc.mil)



NMFA provides resources and support to spouses and children of Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, NOAA and PHS.  
**WWW.NMFA.ORG**

★ The National Military Family Association is now accepting applications for its popular *Operation Purple* Summer Camps. Each camp is "purple" and open to children of any uniformed service member, active duty or reserve component. This year the National Military Family Association will host military children at *Operation Purple* Camps in 62 locations in 37 states and territories.

There is no cost for the children.

Please log on to website for application and locations.

## School Liaison Officer

Julie Fulton  
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(910) 449-9915

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Website: [www.mccslejeune.com/schools/index.html](http://www.mccslejeune.com/schools/index.html)

The mission of the School Liaison Officer is to eliminate barriers and build bridges for the academic success of military dependent children through networks and partnerships with our local and global communities.

## Base Library

Reference service, reader's advisory, audiobooks on tape, CD, and MP3 (MP3 players are available for checkout), copier (.10 per page), fax (\$1 per page sent or received, overseas sent \$2, received \$1), Internet and email access, and computers for word processing are just a few of the many services offered @ Your Library.

Dial-a-Story is available for children by calling 451-3442 for a new story twice a week.





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## **SPOTLIGHT ON THE EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM**

**The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)** is a mandatory enrollment program (MCO P1754.4A) for all active duty personnel with family members with special needs. The goal of EFMP is to assist military families in managing the dual demands of a Marine Corps career and the special needs of a family member. An exceptional family member includes a family member enrolled in DEERS who possesses a diagnosed physical, intellectual or emotional need that requires specialized medical or educational services. Enrollment in the EFMP program is designed to assist the sponsor with assignment to a duty station where appropriate services necessary to support the family member(s) are available. Installation EFMP Specialists are available to assist sponsors and their family members with the enrollment process, resource, referral, and support before, during and after Permanent Duty Station transitions. Specialists also serve as advocates for EFMP families to ensure access to vital medical, educational and community services. For more information about the EFMP program please contact your installation specialist.

### Common Misconceptions about the Exceptional Family Member Program

#### **"I will be labeled"**

Registry in the program will not be an element of the Manpower Management System, individual record books or parent command records of the spouse.

#### **"I will be forced into assignments that will hinder promotions and career opportunities"**

Enrollment cannot prejudice advancement or career opportunities of sponsors. The sponsor has the option of accepting an assignment while the family is supported in another location.

#### **"As an EFMP sponsor, I cannot be deployed"**

The program has no impact on the deployment responsibilities of the sponsor. Overseas unaccompanied, unit deployments, and standard deployments must be carried out without interruption.

#### **"Enrollment in the program will allow me to select a duty station"**

The program ensures that the sponsor will be assigned to a location where appropriate services exist. When the monitor's "first pick" assignment is not suitable for the sponsor's family, the EFMP Manager at HQ Marine Corps will examine the most recent case information and determine the best assignment based on the needs of the Marine Corps, the sponsor's career pattern and the special needs of the family.

#### **"I will not be eligible for an overseas accompanied assignment as an EFMP sponsor"**

Overseas screening is the same for all families anticipating accompanied orders if the special need of you family member can be met by the receiving location. If the special needs of the family member can be met by the receiving location, an accompanied assignment may be authorized.

#### **"Accepting preferential treatment from the program indicates an inability to carry out my responsibilities"**

The program only prescribes an agreed upon the systematic manner to communicate your special needs when a random assignment is not suitable for you. In fact, most special needs can be accommodated at Quantico, VA and Camp Pendleton, CA. In many cases, the situation can be addressed with a standard East or West coast assignment.

#### The EFMP Team

Robert Smith – Program Director 910-449-9715  
Tresa Livingston – Specialist 910-451-4105  
Scottie Hampton – Specialist 910-451-9372  
Holly Brumage – Training, Education, & Outreach Specialist  
910-451-4103

<http://www.mccslejeune.com/mcftb/efmp.html>